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activity as an insulin secretory signal having the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO: 1.

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6. (Amended) An expression cassette according to claim 1 wherein the heterologous sequence encodes porcine somatotropin.

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13. (Amended) A method of producing somatotropin which includes culturing a recombinant cell of any one of claims 9 to 12 under conditions enabling the expression and secretion of the somatotropin and optionally isolating the somatotropin.

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16. (Amended) A method of administering somatotropin to a host, wherein said method includes administering to the host an expression cassette according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

17. (Amended) A method of administering somatotropin to a host, wherein the method includes implanting in the host a capsule according to claim 14 or 15.

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23. (Amended) A method according to claim 21, wherein the insulin secretory signal is a modified insulin secretory signal which has one or more amino acid modifications of the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO:1 and has substantially the same overall biological activity as an insulin secretory signal having the amino acid sequence shown as SEQ ID NO: 1.